



CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

2020 Thanksgiving Worship

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*“When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord
your God for the good land he has given you.”*

Deuteronomy 8:10

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Before the Lord We Bow”

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Be - fore the Lord we bow, The God who reigns a -
The na - tion you have blessed May well your love de -
May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est
Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er
And when in pow'r he comes, Oh, may our na - tive



- bove And rules the world be - low In bound - less pow'r and
- clare, From foes and fears ar - rest, Pro - tect - ed by your
green, Shine in your Word's pure light And its rich fruits be
own. Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship him a -
land From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious



love. Our thanks we bring; In joy and praise Our
care. For this fair land, For this bright day Our
seen! May ev - 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And
- lone. Cast down your pride! Your sin de - plore And
band. A count - less throng, And, joy - ful sing To



hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.
thanks we pay - Gifts of your hand.
join to raise A grate - ful song!
bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied!
heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P (Pastor): We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): **Amen.**

P: Sing a new song to the LORD,

C: **For he has done marvelous things.**

P: Acclaim the LORD, all people on earth,

C: **Break into songs of joy, sing psalms.**

P: From your high pavilion you water the hills;

C: **The earth is satisfied by the fruit of your work.**

P: You make grass to grow for the cattle,

C: **And plants for man to cultivate—bringing bread out of the earth.**

P: How many are your works, O LORD!

C: **In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

P: The eyes of all look to you to give them their food at the proper time;

C: **When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

(Psalm 104, selected verses)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from our Father in heaven. In truth let us examine our hearts and come to him in repentance for those times we've failed to recognize his gifts or honor him as the giver.

C: **Most Gracious God, your generosity comes to us new every day, and yet we fail to gratefully acknowledge your goodness. We have not loved you above all else. We have not loved others as we should. Forgive our sins, renew our faith in you, and awaken in us the desire to live in service to you and all people.**

P: God is good. His love is everlasting. In mercy for our fallen world, he gave his only Son that all who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. Through him, all your sins have been forgiven.

C: **We give you thanks, O Father, for the salvation you have provided through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may show our gratitude in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Deuteronomy 8:10-18

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

CHILDREN’S SONG

“Give Thanks”

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GOSPEL—Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

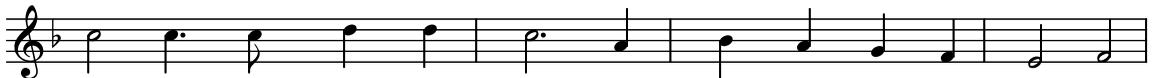
SERMON HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voi-ces,
Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv-en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re - joi - ces,
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and him who reigns With them in high-est heav-en,



Who from our mo-ther's arms Has blessed us on our way
And keep us in his grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore!



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

SERMON TEXT—Philippians 4:10-14

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.

SERMON

PRAYER

P: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

P: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of our supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

P: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

P: Thank you for the kind greetings we receive and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and care.

P: Hear us, Lord as we give thanks for personal blessings.

(silent prayer)

Thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for your giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: Almighty God, we acknowledge that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We thank you for this church and the ability to worship you in freedom and serve you without fear. Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Give the rulers of our society wisdom, honesty, and justice that we may have peace in our everyday lives and opportunities to witness your love through Jesus our Savior to all people. In his name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of peace sanctify you through and through, and keep your spirit, soul, and body blameless, now and at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **May he work in us always to will and to act according to his good purpose. Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

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Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing To God the Cre -
His law he en - forc - es; The stars in their cours - es And sun in its



- a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and
or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and



stayed us, Who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's
foun - tains, The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We



ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us, A pil - lar of
too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing. With glad ad - o -



fire shin - ing forth in the night, Till shad - ows have van - ished And
- ra - tion a song let us raise Till all things now liv - ing U -



dark - ness is ban - ished, As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
- nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

PUTTING UP THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT COR: Join us Monday, December 7th, at 8:30a as we put up the tree here at COR. Help of all kinds is needed! A soup lunch will be served. Let us know if you can help!

COR BLESSING BAGS: These bags have been provided by the COR Women's Group for you to share with homeless or people in need. Take a few to have in your car. We pray they will be found a blessing and comfort.

WILDFIRE CLEANUP: Do you love Colorado? Do you love Coloradans? Did it break your heart to hear about all of the wildfires? Are you looking for a chance to share the love of Jesus with those in need? We are hoping to be able to partner with WELS Christian Aid and Relief and other WELS Colorado congregations to see what assistance we can offer to those effected by the wildfires. Step one is to gauge the interest of our congregation. If you are interested in the possibility of helping with cleanup from the wildfires, sign up in the narthex or email Pastor Engelbrecht. If we have sufficient interest, more info will be on the way!

CHRISTMAS MISSION MARKET: The COR Women Group's Annual Mission Market is here! There are some very nice gifts for co-workers, family, or yourself! All donations/proceeds will be given to our 2020 Befriend A Mission Home Mission – stop by the table to read about the missions and to get a head start on Christmas shopping! Contact Sue Schmidt with any questions.

LIVING NATIVITY: December 12th & 13th from 5-7p. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex if you can help with the Living Nativity. Please consider serving to share the Christmas Message to our community.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: Martin Luther College has gifted us a number of Advent Devotions that focus on the Old Testament stories leading to the birth of Jesus; one for each day, December 1st – 25th. Please take some for you and your friends.

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